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Re:

U.S. Utility Patent Application

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Polymer Conjugates of Cytokines, Chemokines, Growth Factors, Polypeptide Hormones and Antagonists Thereof with Preserved

Receptor-Binding Activity

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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) (PTO/SB/22);
- 2. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$60.00 to cover the extension for response within first month;
- 3. Reply to Restriction Requirement; and
- 4. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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